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In re Application of)

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Serial No.: 09/435,461)

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For: ENZYMES USEFUL FOR)
CHANGING THE PROPERTIES)
OF POLYESTER)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 9, 2001, finally rejecting the claims in the above-identified application, Applicants are filing herewith a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA). Please enter the instant amendment prior to reconsideration of the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1, 7, 12 and 13 with the following clean copy of said amended claims. A marked-up version of the amended claims is appended hereto.

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1.(Twice Amended) A method for modifying the surface of an aromatic polyester resin, film, fiber, yarn or fabric comprising treating said polyester with a polyesterase enzyme for a time and under conditions to modify the properties of said polyester, wherein said treatment occurs prior to the application of a finish and said modified properties of said treated polyester are selected from the group consisting of pilling, prilling prevention, weight, feel, appearance and luster properties of said polyester.

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